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FOOD COUNCIL SESSION

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- 1. EMBASSY HAS SOLICITED GOC VIEWS ON WFC AGENDA AS REQUESTED REFTEL.
- 2. DENNIS WARE, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL LIAISON AT AGRICULTURE CANADA (WHO HAS HEADED GOC DELEGATION TO WFC PREPARATORY MEETINGS IN RECENT YEARS) SAID GOC IS RELAXED ABOUT AGENDA. LIKE U.S., GOC WOULD PREFER TIGHTER FOCUS BUT SEES LITTLE IN WAY OF CONCRETE ACTION COMING OUT OF WFC IN ANY EVENT. IT IS NOT RPT NOT INCLINED TO SUPPORT ACTIVELY EFFORT TO REVISE AGENDA.
- 3. MAIN GOC CONCERNS ARE THAT ITEM ON AGRARIAN REFORM BE HANDLED IN NON-CONTENTIOUS WAY AND THAT TRADE POLICY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTIONS BE AVOIDED. IT IS SATISFIED ON THESE TWO POINTS SO FAR.

4. FYI. BARRING UNFORESEEN SCHEDULING CONFLICT (SUCH AS CANADIAN ELECTION) AGRICULTURE MINISTER WHELAN IS AGAIN PLANNING TO ATTEND WFC SESSION, ACCORDING TO OTHER AGRICULTURE CANADA SOURCES. END FYI. ENDERS

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